



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 72

***EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 33
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF IN-STATE
LICENSURE FOR MEDICAL/HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PERSONNEL
LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE***

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, issued on September 12, 2005, suspended Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical/health professionals and personnel for those professionals and personnel from other states and nations offering medical services on a voluntary basis only to those needing medical services as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical/health professionals and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability, including but not limited to, within the Department of Health and Hospitals operated and sponsored shelters, and other Department of Health and Hospitals managed medical operations;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, as amended by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, issued on September 23, 2005, extended the Order for an additional thirty(30) days; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the state health officer have requested that Executive Order No. 2005-33, as amended by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, be extended for an additional thirty (30) days;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 2 of Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, issued on September 23, 2005, amending Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, issued on September 12, 2005, is amended as follows:

Until Saturday, December 31, 2005, the Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical/health professionals and personnel are hereby suspended for those medical/health professionals and personnel from other states or other countries offering medical services in Louisiana to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical/health professionals and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability, including but not limited to, within the Department of Health and Hospitals operated and sponsored shelters, and other Department of Health and Hospitals managed medical operations.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, issued on September 23, 2005, amending Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, issued on September 12, 2005, is amended as follows:

All out-of-state or out-of-country medical/health professionals and personnel offering services on a voluntary basis only to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall be covered by R.S. 40:1299.39, *et seq.*, and shall thus be

considered agents of the state of Louisiana for tort liability purposes contingent upon said out-of-state or out-of country medical/health professionals and personnel possessing a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training or ability, including but not limited to, within the Department of Health and Hospitals operated and sponsored shelters, and other Department of Health and Hospitals managed medical operations.

SECTION 3: Section 4 of Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, issued on September 23, 2005, amending Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, issued on September 12, 2005, is amended as follows:

All out-of-state or out-of-country medical/health professionals and personnel offering services on a voluntary basis only to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall submit to the state health officer or his designee at the Office of Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, or the appropriate state health provider licensing board, a copy of their respective license and photo identification. Such persons shall contact the Public Health Office at 225-763-5762 or 225-763-5763.

SECTION 4: All other sections, subsections, and paragraphs of Executive Order No. KBB 2005-33, issued on September 12, 2005, as amended by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-47, issued on September 23, 2005, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until Saturday, December 31, 2005, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to such time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of October, 2005.



**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE**